



The University of Georgia

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences
Department of Plant Pathology

Laboratory Manager I - Plant Disease Clinic

Job Class Code: 11075

Date position becomes available: August 1, 2009

Deadline for receiving applications: For full consideration applications must be received by **August 20, 2009** which consists of a curriculum vitae inclusive of a list of publications and other documentation of research/extension/teaching activities, other information which reflects professional accomplishment and experience, transcripts of course work, and letters sent directly from three professional references. Information required must be sent by surface or air carrier, not by FAX or e-mail to: John L. Sherwood, 2105 Miller Plant Science, Plant Pathology Department, University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602. In addition, applicant will need to submit application materials through Human Resources at the University of Georgia. (<http://www.hr.uga.edu/>).

Basic qualifications: A Bachelors degree and 4 years experience or equivalent combination experience in plant pathology or related area required. Masters degree preferred. Research and/or extension experience in plant disease identification and other diagnostic expertise is highly desirable. Excellent verbal and written communication skills are essential. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience

Major responsibilities: Directly, or through supervised technical support, identify plant diseases and their causal agents in plant and digital image samples in support of research and extension programs in the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Relay results of analysis assays to crop specialists, county extension agents and other clients through appropriate means. Primary responsibilities include physical and digitally imaged samples from/of the homescape, ornamentals (commercial and landscape), large and small fruits, and turf for disease diagnosis and management recommendations in support of county faculty and faculty specialists. He/she will develop and conduct other contemporary analysis as needed for identification of plant disease agents. In addition, incumbent will be part of plant disease diagnostic activities in the department in conjunction with other personnel. In managing the Plant Disease Clinic, the incumbent is expected to keep a lab inventory; oversee maintenance of lab equipment; order necessary lab supplies in cooperation with other diagnostic plant pathology laboratories; and prepare other materials needed for conducting diagnosis. The incumbent will maintain the clinic references and library in proper order and assure the information available is current. Incumbent may supervise student workers and plant pathology interns, demonstrate to visitors/student groups educational diagnostic procedures, and communicate with county agents, industry representatives and other clients regarding disease diagnoses. Both traditional extension education methods and innovations are encouraged to help carry out this assignment. In addition, the incumbent may be involved in other disease management activities as warranted.

Administrative Relationships: Incumbent will be a member of The University of Georgia College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences Plant Pathology department under the direction of the Department Head, and is expected to work effectively with other personnel in the Department of Plant Pathology.

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